

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

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1. The owner of any real property that abuts any sidewalk shall remove any and all accumulation, whether natural or otherwise, of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the end of the precipitation which caused the accumulation. If the snow and/or ice has accumulated other than by precipitation, it shall be removed within 24 hours of its accumulation on such sidewalk. In order to comply with this bylaw, all sidewalks shall be cleared to the surface of the sidewalk, or, where it is impracticable to do so, the sidewalk shall be treated with sand or otherwise. It is the express intent of this bylaw to assure safe and convenient access on sidewalks to all travelers, including those with disabilities and/or mobility impairments, including people who use wheelchairs.
2. Any owner of real property who violates section 1, above, of this bylaw, shall pay a fine of \$10. Each 24-hour period in which snow and/or ice is not removed or treated as provided in section 1, above, shall constitute a separate offense. No prosecution or other proceeding hereunder shall be commenced more than 60 days from the violation. The provisions of this bylaw may be enforced through the non-criminal disposition method as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D. For the purpose of non-criminal disposition, the following shall be enforcing persons: Police Officers.
3. In addition to the remedies provided in section 2, above, the Select Board in its discretion, may after due notice to the owner of the real property, and an opportunity to be heard, perform or otherwise cause the clearing or treating of snow and/or ice to be performed and recover from said owner the expense therefore which shall not exceed \$500.00. Such expense shall constitute a municipal charge lien against the real property as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 58.